

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

FROM: Executive Secretary, CIA Honor Awards Board


SUBJECT: Request for Legal Opinion

1. The CIA Honor Awards Board needs from your Office a legal opinion in the following matter. Pursuant to Executive Order 9817 (attached) and to P.L. 600, the Director of Central Intelligence has approved the creation of three CIA medals for different levels of heroism or achievement to be awarded to ".....employees of the Agency and others officially associated with the Agency.....".

2. The questions are: a) "May the Director officially bestow such medals upon deserving members of the Armed Services who are detailed to this Agency and who act in its behalf?" b) "Regardless of whether the several regulations of the Armed Services permit the wearing of such a medal with the uniform or not, is an officer or enlisted man on active duty legally entitled to accept from the Director such a medal, and may he wear it or its insignia with civilian dress at such times as the regulations of his service permit him to appear in civilian attire?"

3. Inasmuch as this question bears upon two cases currently before the Board, your earliest attention to this matter would be appreciated. If possible the Board would like to receive guidance from you, orally if necessary, prior to its next meeting at 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, 23 March.

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Attachment - as stated.